

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>DECESARIS GEATON A JR</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [ HOV ]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>04/28/2005</b>					
10 HIGHWAY 35			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)								
<b>RED BANK</b>	<b>NJ</b>	<b>07701</b>						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	04/28/2005		M		139,000	A	\$2.1582	483,050	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/28/2005		S		9,000	D	\$50.21	474,050	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/28/2005		S		4,000	D	\$50.2	470,050	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		3,100	D	\$50.05	466,950	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		200	D	\$50.06	466,750	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		400	D	\$50.08	466,350	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		100	D	\$50.1	466,250	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		200	D	\$50.13	466,050	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		500	D	\$50.15	465,550	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		2,800	D	\$50.19	462,750	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		35,500	D	\$50.2	427,250	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		500	D	\$50.21	426,750	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		1,200	D	\$50.22	425,550	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		1,200	D	\$50.23	424,350	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		1,700	D	\$50.24	422,650	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		8,600	D	\$50.25	414,050	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		1,200	D	\$50.26	412,850	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		1,200	D	\$50.27	411,650	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		1,300	D	\$50.28	410,350	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		200	D	\$50.29	410,150	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		6,200	D	\$50.3	403,950	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		300	D	\$50.31	403,650	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		500	D	\$50.32	403,150	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		2,900	D	\$50.33	400,250	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		100	D	\$50.34	400,150	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		5,700	D	\$50.35	394,450	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		100	D	\$50.36	394,350	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		20,000	D	\$50.39	374,350	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		100	D	\$50.42	374,250	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		30,200 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$50.792	344,050 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

